MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*): (*a*) The Government have only stated it as their policy to afford all possible encouragement to private schools. As regards the English Schools, the Government have said that they would be prepared to hand over departmental English Schools to private bodies in all cases in which they are satisfied that the interests of efficiency would not suffer by such transfer. Each case will have to be decided on its own merits.

(*b*) Applications were received in regard to the transfer of the following 4 departmental schools to private management:—

1. Muthalakodam Primary School for boys.
2. Arpookara do.
3. Manjapalli do.
4. Vadakara do.

(*c*) Applications relating to the transfer of 1, 2 and 4 above are under the consideration of the department. The application in respect of the transfer of No. 3 has been rejected.

Assignment of lands in the Forest Reserves in Minachil taluk.

156. MR. A. C. KURIAKOSE (*Minachil* cum *Devicolam*): Will the Government be pleased to state whether any action is being taken for assigning, after bringing under *tarisu*, any land included in the forest reserves in the Minachil taluk?

MR. P. N. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): The answer is in the negative.

Registry of lands in the names of Europeans and Travancoreans.

157. MR. A. C. KURIAKOSE (*Minachil* cum *Devicolam*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the total area of *puduval* lands assigned by them during the four years 1100-1103;

(*b*) of this, the area assigned in the names of Europeans;

(*c*) the area assigned to sons of the soil; and

(*d*) the area assigned to British Indian subjects?

MR. P. N. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): A statement* showing the required particulars is laid on the table.

The Kottayam-Ambalapuzha canal.

158. MR. K. PADMANABHA PANIKKAR (*Ambalapuzha*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the length of the Kottayam-Ambalapuzha Canal that has been completed;

(*b*) the length that remains to be completed;

(*c*) whether they have received any petitions with regard to that portion of the canal which has yet to be completed; and

(*d*) if so, how they were disposed of?

MR. P. N. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): (*a*) to (*d*) The Chief Engineer reports that there is no canal known as Kottayam-Ambalapuzha canal.

* *Vide* Appendix XIII—page 504.

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